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Applicant:

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REPLY TO 25 JUNE 2002 OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR§1.111

Commissioner for Patents Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby replies to the 25 June 2002 official action.

Reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is requested.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

A substitute specification and a marked up version showing changes made to the original specification are submitted herewith.

In the claims:

1. (Amended) An electronic tender system for accepting as a contract price the highest or lowest price among bids, comprising:

a bidder sub-system including:

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